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### Park Hosts the Great American Backyard Campout Clinic at Akers Ferry Group Site

Salem, MO- Did you ever want to try camping, but didn't have the gear or were uncomfortable with the idea? Ozark National Scenic Riverways will host a *Great American Backyard Campout Clinic* at Akers Ferry Group Campsite #1 on Saturday, June 25, 2011. The clinic is designed for beginning campers to try out camping with experienced park staff who can help ease worries and provide camping tips. Tents will be provided. Participants will need to bring their own food, sleeping bags, sleeping mats, flashlights, personal items, and anything else needed for a night of camping.

Activities begin at 4:30 p.m. with sessions on Leave No Trace principles, River Ecology, and Campfire 101. Water shoes are encouraged during the River Ecology segment. Starting at 8:00 p.m., campers will gather round a roaring campfire for s'mores, stories, and songs.

Sessions are limited to 20 participants and advanced reservations are required. Reservations can be made in by calling the Round Spring Visitor Center at 573-858-3297 ext. 25 and asking for Ranger Sarah Schulte or e-mailing her at [Sarah\\_Schulte@nps.gov](mailto:Sarah_Schulte@nps.gov). The Round Spring Visitor Center is open from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. daily.

Akers Ferry Group Campsite is located 24 miles south of Salem Missouri on State Route 19. From State Route 19, take KK Highway 6 miles to Akers Ferry Campground. For more information, phone 573- 858-3297 ext. 25 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., or visit the park's website at [www.nps.gov/ozar](http://www.nps.gov/ozar).

Ozark National Scenic Riverways preserves the free-flowing Current and Jacks Fork Rivers, the surrounding natural resources, and the unique cultural heritage of the Ozark people.

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